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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**Re: CC Docket No. 96-262**

Dear Ms. Salas:

The attached information is provided at the request of the Competitive Pricing Division staff of the Common Carrier Bureau. The summary chart describes the criteria established for reclassifying intrastate services as competitive and the degree of rate deaveraging in each of the states in the Bell Atlantic region.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this notice are being submitted to the Secretary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Susanne Guyer'.

Susanne Guyer

Attachment

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**Bell Atlantic**  
**Summary of Reclassification of Services as Competitive**  
**And**  
**Rate Deaveraging**

<b>State</b>	<b>Reclassification Criteria</b>	<b>Process</b>	<b>Relevant Market Service and Geographic Area</b>	<b>Rate Deaveraging</b>
<b>Delaware</b>	Similar service available from unaffiliated provider At least one unaffiliated provider present and viable No significant barriers to entry	Petition Decision in 120 days	By service Area that may be smaller than the state	No dial tone deaveraging 3 density pricing cells for private line and special access
<b>Maryland</b>	Entry unimpeded by legal or technical constraints Economically viable competitor for service Like or substitutable services are available that will assure just and reasonable rates	Filing on 30 days notice	By service or class of customer Area may be smaller than the state	4 rate classes (urban to rural) for dial tone and other services
<b>Maine</b>	Direct competitive alternative of reasonable substitutes or sufficiently elastic demand Or service is a new service	Request for Waiver with factual showing	By service by state	6 rate groups for basic exchange service
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Not defined	Not defined	Not defined	None
<b>New Hampshire</b>	Not defined	Not defined	Not defined	5 rate groups for dial tone lines
<b>New Jersey</b>	Ease of market entry Presence of competitor Availability of like or substitutable service in relevant geographic area	Petition	Historically filings have been state wide	4 tiered rate group structure
<b>New York</b>	Not defined	Not defined	Not defined	5 rate zones for dial tone lines
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Ease of market entry; presence and viability of competitors, availability of like or substitutable services, effect on protected services and availability of existing services, consumer benefits of reclassification, degree regulation is necessary to prevent abuse or discrimination	Petition	By service or business activity. Historically filings have been state wide, but petition may be for an area smaller than the state	4 density cells for dial tone lines
<b>Rhode Island</b>	Not defined	Not defined	Not defined	No deaveraging
<b>Vermont</b>	Not defined	Not defined	Not defined	

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<b>Virginia</b>	Services for which competition or potential competition in the market place is or can be an effective regulator of price May consider geographic availability of unaffiliated service provider	Filing, on 30 days notice Decision in 120 days	By service Area may be smaller than the state	10 rate groups (residential rates inversely related to cost, business rates are correlated with costs)
<b>Washington, DC</b>	Demonstration of effective competition shown by high price elasticity or actual or anticipated revenue loss due to competition	Application with customer notification Decision in 58 days	Service specific Geographic area not applicable	No deaveraging
<b>West Virginia</b>	Availability of like or substitutable services is sufficient to show service is subject to competition	Service is categorized as competitive when a tariff is filed. Competitive services become effective on 14 days notice.	Historically process has been by service for entire state	No deaveraging But rates may be lowered in specific geographic areas or for specific customers in response to competition